

BIRMINGHAM – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced that the Hoover Fire Department has been awarded a federal fire grant totaling \$632,550.

"Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. This grant program provides funding for rapidly growing communities to hire new firefighters. The Hoover Fire Department provides outstanding service to the community, and this will help them maintain that high standard," Bachus said.

Mayor Tony Petelos said, "We are very happy that Congressman Spencer Bachus was able to help the City of Hoover secure this funding. We have one of the best fire departments in the state and this will allow us to continue to meet the needs of our citizens as the population of Hoover continues to rapidly grow."

Battalion Chief Richard McLemore said, "Due to the tremendous growth our Department has experienced, our resources have been very challenged. This grant will help us to meet national safety standards regarding staffing of our existing engine companies."

The goal of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program is to enhance the ability of fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.